



Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 4:30 pm

Commissioners Present: Rita Church, Jennifer Diaz, Nancy Kirby, Alexandra Millar Lainey Rappaport

Staff Present: Holli Bushnell - Office Assistant

Lainey Rappaport called mtg. to order at 4:40pm

I. Approval of Agenda

Jennifer Diaz approved the agenda, Rappaport seconded. All were in favor.

II. Welcoming New Commissioner Alexandra Millar

The commission welcomed the addition of Alexandra Millar. Millar stated that, as she lives right across the street from Lakeview she has a vested interest in maintaining the space. She has a background in fundraising and feels she could be helpful with the quest to find more volunteers.

III. Selection of Officers

Two commission members were nominated for the position of chair. Rita Church nominated Rappaport, and Diaz self-nominated. It was determined through a raised-hand vote that both parties would co-chair for the upcoming year. Both Rappaport and Diaz accepted their nominations and will take on the position jointly.

IV. Approval and Signing of Commission Report

The Commissioners discussed each item on the report, and expressed a desire to carry several items over to the agenda for the coming year. Items the commission will continue to examine include changes to the perpetual care fund, Lakeview office repair, a study of Section 8, and updates on the fence work.

V. Setting Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

In addition to the items mentioned above, the commissioners also asked that the road at Greenmount be considered on future agendas (Rappaport and Kirby suggested that clean dirt from city construction projects be used to fill in the road. Millar took this opportunity to discuss the possibility of having students from the Natural Resource department at UVM (under the instruction of Zack Ispa-Landa) survey the trees and wildlife in the city cemeteries. All were in favor of this possibility. Millar will make sure to apply and reach out to Bushnell and the commission members if necessary. Other topics for the future include setting up a work day at Greenmount (and dealing with the ongoing issue of dumping at Greenmount) as request by Kirby, and the cemetery staff sending a thank you letter to Elise Eaton, a longtime volunteer with the veteran flagging project who is leaving the area as requested by Church. These items will be on the next agenda (though the letter will be completed long before then).

The next meeting will be on September 19, 2019 at 4:30pm at the Lakeview office.

IX. Public Comments



No public comments were made at this time.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:15pm.